

**REMARKS**

The Abstract of the Disclosure has been rewritten as needed.

The indication of allowability of claims 24 and 25 is noted with thanks. Accordingly, the limitations of claim 24 are added to claim 21, thereby placing claim 21 in condition for allowance, and with it the claims that depend therefrom.

The dependency of claim 25 is correspondingly changed.

Claim 23 is canceled without disclaimer of its subject matter, in view of the formal objection thereto.

As this amendment seeks only to place the application in condition for allowance with claims previously indicated to be allowable, it is not believed to be necessary to discuss the prior art again at this time.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, therefore, it is believed that this application has been placed in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any

overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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**APPENDIX:**

The Appendix includes the following item:

- a new Abstract of the Disclosure